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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

### Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

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### Inspection Report

### Minerals Regulatory Program

Report Date December 30, 2005

Supervisor 1027

**Mine Name:** Homer and Barts  
**Operator Name:** Ralph Simpson

**Permit number:** S/047/078  
**Inspection Date:** August 31,  
2005  
**Time:** 7:00-8:00 PM

**Inspector(s):** Paul Baker  
**Other Participants:** None  
**Mine Status:** Active

**Weather:** Clear, 70's

Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Deleterious Material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Concurrent Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Water Impoundments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Soils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Revegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Purpose of Inspection:

I had previously visited this area with John Blake of SITLA, and we were unable to find any signs of disturbance. The operator assured me he had been gathering stone, and I wanted to look once again.

#### Inspection Summary:

1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds

On December 29 and 30, 2005, I tried unsuccessfully to reach the operator by telephone and by fax. The fax did not go through, and there was a message that the phone number was no longer in service. I have now received updated address and telephone information.

12. Other

I found two general areas with some palletized stone (Photos 1 through 4). One is at the top of a ridge (the southernmost extension of the red and black GPSed-road on the attached map; Photos 1 and 2), and the other is a larger area near the portion of the road extending to the west. There is very little disturbance, basically just pallets on the ground, the spots from which the rock was lifted from the surface, and evidence of someone driving off the road. I was uncertain whether new two-track roads have been created as part of the operation. There are several roads and other disturbances in the area.

The map attached to this report shows the operator's lease, ML 49565, but the palletized stone was not within the lease area which is also the area covered under the reclamation contract and the Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations.

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**Conclusions and Recommendations:**

If the operator changes phone numbers or the address, this information needs to be supplied to the Division.

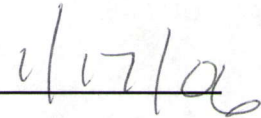
The operator has apparently been mining outside the lease area, but when I spoke with him on December 30, 2005, he said he no longer has a need for the palletized rock. He had planned to scatter the rock and remove the pallets, but John Blake of SITLA asked if the rock could be placed in some inconspicuous place, like a ravine, on state land. Mr. Simpson agreed to do this.

If the operator wants to avoid the need to reclaim roads, he should avoid driving on the same areas more than once.

**Inspector's Signature**



**Date:**



PBB:pb

cc: Ralph Simpson, Operator  
John Blake, SITLA

Attachment: GPS Map & Photos



## ATTACHMENT

### Photographs

S/047/078, Homer and Barts, Ralph Simpson

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Photo 1. A pallet of stone at the top of a ridge.



Photo 3. These pallets of stone were in the western part of the area.

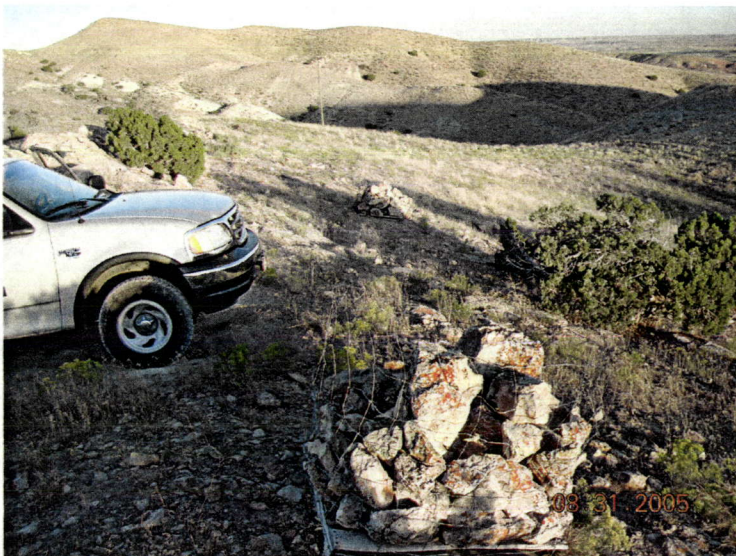
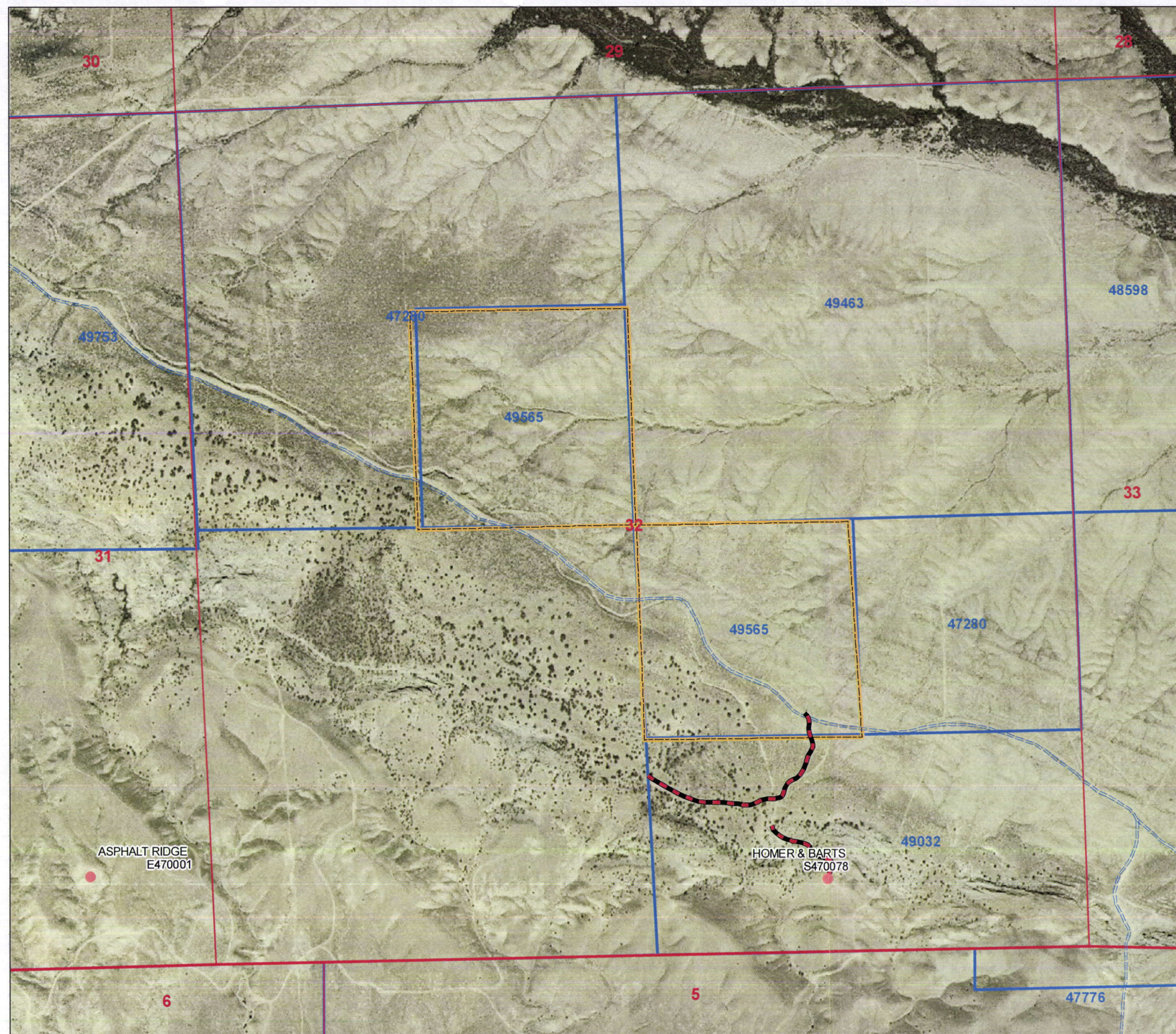


Photo 2. Another view of the top of the ridge.



Photo 4.





**Mine Number: S470078**  
**Mine Name: Homer and Barts**  
**Township 05 S Range 22 E Section 32 SLBM**

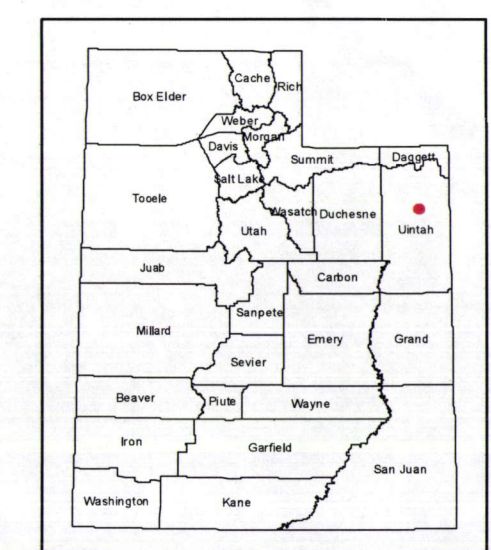
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Map Produced by DKS

Acres Disturbed	0
Acres Regraded	0
Acres Seeded	0
Road Acres Disturbed	0
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Total Acres Disturbed	0
Acres Reclaimed	0
Acres Excluded	0
Acres Prelaw	0

**Legend**  
All items symbolized in legend may not be appear on map

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|-----------------|---|
| County Boundary | Township or range Line                    |
| Access          | Township or range line: location doubtful |
| Mine            | Section line                              |
| NonMine         | Section line: location doubtful           |
| Other           | Disturbed                                 |
| Interstate      | Regraded                                  |
| US Route        | Seeded                                    |
| State Route     | Reclaimed                                 |
| Primary Route   | Excluded                                  |
| Secondary Route | Prelaw                                    |
| Main Dirt Road  | Mine Permit                               |
| Unimproved Road |   |
| Interchange     |   |
| Trail           |   |

DOQ imagery date 2004



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Feet

1:7,500 1 inch equals 625 feet  
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